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### OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

- The Office of Campaign Finance continues to operate under a modified status. All services are being provided remotely via email and telephone (202-671-0547). All candidate and committee reports will continue to be received online at the OCF Website on the required deadlines. Candidates may also contact the office for instructions concerning the registration process.
- September 29th and 30th, 2020 The Office of Campaign Finance hosted the Virtual 2020 DC Debates for the November 3, 2020 General Election contests for At Large Member of the State Board of Education, and At Large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia. The 2020 Debates were the inaugural debates under the Fair Elections Program and were live streamed at 2020dcdebates.com. All Candidates certified in the Fair Elections Program were required to participate in the Debates, and all Candidates who achieved ballot access in the Traditional Campaign Finance Program were invited to participate. On September 29, the At-Large Member of the State Board of Education Candidate Debate was moderated by Perry Stein, the Washington Post Reporter for Education, and a total of 6 Candidates participated. The September 29th and 30th Debates for At-Large Member of the Council were moderated by the Washington Post Reporter, Fenil Nirrapil, and a total of 18 Candidates participated, as follows:

Debate 1 – September 29, 2020, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM (6 Participants) Debate 1 – September 29, 2020, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM (5 Participants) Debate 2 – September 30, 2020, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM (7 Participants) Debate 3 – September 30, 2020, 8:00 PM – 9:30 PM (6 Participants)

Advertisements for the Debates were placed on bus exteriors on various routes throughout the DC area, and on fifteen (15) area radio stations, and digital ads were placed on the internet. Press Releases and Information on the debates was also published on the Website at 2020dcdebates.com. There were 14 Partners affiliated with the 2020 DC Debates. The videos of the 2020 Debates are available at the OCF 2020 DC Debates Website, <a href="https://www.2020dcdebates.com">www.2020dcdebates.com</a>, for viewing, and will remain online through the November 3, 2020 General Election.

### FAIR ELECTIONS PROGRAM DIVISION

### FAIR ELECTIONS PROGRAM

The following is an accounting of FEP's production stats for September 2020:

### AUTHORIZED BASE AMOUNT AND MATCHING PAYMENTS

As of September 30, 2020, the total sum of \$3,612,451.00 has been disbursed in Base Amount and Matching Payments, to the Thirty-Five (35) candidates certified in the Fair Elections Program to participate in the June 2, 2020 Primary Election, the June 16, 2020 Special Election, and the November 3, 2020 General Election.

There are currently Twenty (20) candidates certified as "participating candidates" in the Fair Elections Program for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Eleven (11) Candidates were certified as "participating candidates in the June 2, 2020 Primary Election, and ten (10) of these candidates were defeated and will not continue to participate in the General Election. The four (4) Candidates certified as "participating candidates" in the June 16, 2020 Special Election were defeated.

During September 2020, the total sum of \$72,752.00 was authorized for distribution in Base and Matching Payments to the following FEP participating candidates:

| Date     | Description (Candidates)            | Base<br>Amount | Matching<br>Payments |
|----------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 09/10/20 | James for Ward 2 SBOE               |                | \$600                |
| 09/10/20 | Let's Reid 2020                     |                | \$400                |
| 09/11/20 | Committee to Elect Mysiki Valentine |                | \$21,877             |
| 09/11/20 | Committee to Elect Mysiki Valentine | \$10,000       |                      |
| 09/11/20 | Franklin Garcia for DC 2020         |                | \$1,375              |
| 09/11/20 | Franklin Garcia for DC 2020         |                | \$1,150              |
| 09/16/20 | Randy Downs Ward 2                  |                | \$16,650             |
| 09/28/20 | Friends of Christina Henderson      |                | \$20,100             |
| 09/29/20 | Committee to Elect Dontrell Smith   |                | \$600                |

### CERTIFICATIONS IN THE FAIR ELECTIONS PROGRAM

The following Candidates were certified as Participating Candidates in the FEP during the month of September 2020:

### **November 3, 2020 General Election:**

| Committee to Elect Mysiki Valentine          | 9/11/2020 |
|--|-----------|
| Eboni Rose Thompson for DC SBOE Ward 7       | 9/11/2020 |
| Committee to Elect Friends of Allister Chang | 9/11/2020 |

### **DESK REVIEWS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

| Desk Reviews of the Optional August 31st, S | September 30th and Amended Reports of Receipts |
|---|--|
| and Expenditures                            |  |
|   |  |
| Requests for Additional Information (RFAI)  | Letter Ten (10)                                |

### **ONGOING AUDITS**

### **POST ELECTION AUDITS 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION:**

### Notice of Full Field Audits issued on June 19, 2020:

- 1. Kelvin Brown for DC Council Ward 7 No Audit documentation received as of September 4, 2020. Referred to the Office of the General Counsel (OGC). Hearing on failure to file documents scheduled for October 8, 2020.
- 2. Green for Ward 7 Audit documentation received on August 6, 2020. Audit in progress.
- 3. Evans 2020 Audit documentation received on July 31, 2020. Audit in progress.
- 4. Yilin for Ward 2 Audit documentation received on August 29, 2020. Audit in progress.
- 5. Patrick Kennedy for Ward 2 Extension approved until October 12, 2020 for submission of documents.
- 6. Mike for Ward 8 Audit documentation received on August 14, 2020. Audit in progress.
- 7. Kishan for DC 2020 Audit documentation received on August 6,2020. Audit in progress.
- 8. Jordan Grossman for Ward 2 Audit documentation received on August 5, 2020. Audit in progress.
- 9. John Fanning for Ward 2 Extension approved until October 12, 2020 for submission of documents.
- 10. Elect Renee Bowser Audit documentation received on September 24, 2020, Audit in progress. Referred to the Office of the General Counsel (OGC). Hearing scheduled on failure to timely file documents scheduled for October 8, 2020.

### POST ELECTION AUDITS 2020 SPECIAL ELECTION

## Notice of Full Field Audits issued on July 6, 2020:

- 1. Kishan Putta, Kishan Putta for Ward 2 Special Election 2020 Extension approved until October 12, 2020 for submission of documents.
- 2. John Fanning, John Fanning for Ward 2 Special Election 2020 Extension approved until October 12, 2020 for submission of documents.
- 3. Jordan Grossman, Grossman for Ward 2 Special Election Audit documentation filed on August 14, 2020. Audit in progress.
- 4. Patrick Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy for Ward 2 Special June 16, 2020 Extension approved until October 12, 2020 for the submission of documents.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The following is an accounting of PIRMs production stats for September 2020:

### FILING OF REPORTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

September 2020:

# **Legal Defense Committee**

# Ninth Report of Receipts & Expenditures

(Due September 1, 2020)

| Total number of required filers      | 1 |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Total number of timely filers        | 1 |
| Total number of late filers          | 0 |
| Total number of extensions requested | 0 |
| Total number of extensions granted   | 0 |
| Total number of FTF                  | 0 |
| Total number of OGC referrals        | 0 |
| Total number of Electronic Filings   | 1 |
| Total number of Certified E-Filings  | 1 |

## **Initiative/Referendum Committees**

# **Second Report of Receipts & Expenditures**

(Due September 10, 2020)

| Total number of required filers      | 1 Initiative |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total number of timely filers        | 1            |
| Total number of late filers          | 0            |
| Total number of extensions requested | 0            |
| Total number of extensions granted   | 0            |
| Total number of FTF                  | 0            |
| Total number of OGC referrals        | 0            |
| Total number of Electronic Filings   | 1            |
| Total number of Certified E-Filings  | 1            |

# Fair Elections Program Principal Campaign Committees

# September 30<sup>th</sup> Report of Receipts & Expenditures

(Optional Report for Certified Candidates)

| Total number of required filers      | N/A |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Total number of timely filers        | 10  |
| Total number of late filers          | N/A |
| Total number of extensions requested | N/A |
| Total number of extensions granted   | N/A |
| Total number of FTF                  | N/A |
| Total number of OGC referrals        | N/A |
| Total number of Electronic Filings   | 10  |
| Total number of Certified E-Filings  | 10  |

### **NEW CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES**

September 2020:

### **Exploratory Committee**

Butler Mayoral Exploratory Committee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_9/21/2020

# <u>Candidates & Treasurers who have completed the OCF Entrance Conference Presentation</u> (2)

- 1. Sarah Mehrotra/Candidate & Treasurer, Committee to Elect Sarah Shanti Mehrotra (Ward 2 State Board of Education)
- 2. Kathy Henderson/Candidate & Treasurer, Committee to Elect Kathy Henderson (At-Large, City Council)

### REPORTS ANALYSIS AND AUDIT DIVISION

The following is an accounting of RAAD's production stats for September 2020:

## **DESK REVIEWS (36) AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

September 2020:

| Political Action Committees (includes amended reports)                    | 3  |
|---|----|
| Constituent Service Funds (includes amended reports)                      | 0  |
| US Senator/Representative (includes amended reports)                      | 0  |
| Principal Campaign Committees (includes amended reports)                  | 30 |
| Advisory Neighborhood Commission Candidates                               | 0  |
| Inaugural Committee   | 0  |
| Exploratory Committees  | 0  |
| Independent Expenditures  | 2  |
| Initiative/Referendum/Recall  | 0  |
| Twenty-four Hour Reports  | 0  |
| Attorney General  | 0  |
| Legal Defense Fund  | 1  |
| Audit Letters (RFAI) Sent   | 7  |
| Follow-up Letters Sent  | 0  |
| Case(s) Resolved  | 9  |
| Cases Referred to the Office of the General Counsel                       | 1  |
| Cases Referred for Contributions with Same Address and Similar Signatures | 0  |
| Cases Terminated  | 0  |
| Hearings Attended   | 1  |
| Precinct Visits   | 0  |
| Virtual Webinars Attended   | 10 |
| Outside Seminars Attended   | 0  |
| In House Training   | 0  |
| Entrance Conferences  | 0  |
| Public Finance Planning Committee Meeting                                 | 0  |

### **ONGOING AUDITS**

September 2020:

# Periodic Random Audits - Candidates in the Upcoming 2020 Election - January 31st filing

- Friends of Robert White audit records received March 16, 2020. Audit fieldwork to continue 10/05/20
- Veda for Ward 7- initiated March 2, 2020. Audit fieldwork to continue 10/05/20
- Committee to Elect Rogers for Council -initiated March 2, 2020. Audit fieldwork to continue 10/05/20

## Periodic Random Audits - Political Action Committees January 31st filing

- Verizon Communications Inc. Good Gov't Club PAC- initiated March 2, 2020. Audit fieldwork to continue 10/05/20
- DC Libertarian Party initiated March 2, 2020. Audit fieldwork to continue 10/05/20
- Firefighters Committee on Political Activities initiated March 2, 2020. Audit fieldwork to continue 10/05/20

# **Audits Issued**

• Ward 4 Constituent Service Program – issued 09/22/20

### OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

# 2020 MONTHLY IN-TAKE/OUTPUT REPORT OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

|                  | July | August | September | October | November | December |  |
|------------------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|--|
| Opinion Request  |      |        | 0         |         |          |          |  |
| Received         |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |
| Opinion Request  |      |        | 0         |         |          |          |  |
| Completed        |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |
| Complaints       |      |        | 0         |         |          |          |  |
| Received         |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |
| Internal Queries |      |        | 0         |         |          |          |  |
|                  |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |
| Preliminary      |      |        | 0         |         |          |          |  |
| Investigations   |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |
| Initiated        |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |
| Preliminary      |      |        | 0         |         |          |          |  |
| Investigations   |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |
| Orders Issued    |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |
| Full             |      |        | 0         |         |          |          |  |
| Investigations   |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |
| Initiated        |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |
| Full             |      |        | 1         |         |          |          |  |
| Investigations   |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |
| Orders Issued    |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |
| Informal         |      |        | 5         |         |          |          |  |
| Hearings         |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |
| Referred         |      |        |           |         |          |          |  |

| Informal         |  | 6  |  |  |
|------------------|--|----|--|--|
| Hearings         |  |    |  |  |
| Completed        |  |    |  |  |
| Informal         |  | 6* |  |  |
| Hearings         |  |    |  |  |
| Orders Issued    |  |    |  |  |
| Petitions for    |  | 0  |  |  |
| Enforcement      |  |    |  |  |
| Referrals to BOE |  |    |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>This figure represents six (6) orders in which no fines were imposed.

Board Statistics for September 2020 Board Meeting October 7, 2020

|    | <u>PIRM</u>                |        |
|----|----------------------------|--------|
|    | PCC                        | 0      |
|    | PAC's                      | 0      |
|    | ANC's                      | 0      |
|    | 500 Exemption              | 0      |
|    | Constituent Services       | 0      |
|    | Statehood Fund             | 0      |
|    | Initiatives                | 0      |
|    | Referendum                 | 0      |
|    | Independent Expenditure    | 0      |
|    | Fair Elections Committee   | 0      |
|    |                            |        |
|    | RAAD                       |        |
|    | PCC                        | 5      |
|    | PAC's                      | 0      |
|    | Constituent Services       | 0      |
|    | Statehood Fund             | 0      |
| 1. | Notices of Hearings        | 30     |
|    | First Notices              | 22     |
|    | Second Notices             | 8      |
| 2. | Notices and Orders Vacated | 0      |
| 3. | Hearings Conducted         | 3      |
| 4. | Orders which imposed fines | 0      |
| 5. | Fines imposed              | \$0.00 |

6. Fines collected \$0.00

7. Investigations completed 1

Orders issued

8. Petitions for Enforcement 0

9. Outstanding Fines To be Determined

# <u>LIST OF OPEN OCF INVESTIGATIONS</u>

October 7, 2020

Complainant: Jennie Malloy

Date received: May 19, 2020

Respondent: Karl Racine for Attorney General 2018

Allegation : Inappropriate use of Campaign funds

Status : Investigation completed, Order Pending

Complainant: Chuck Thies

Date received: May 28, 2020

Respondent : Anthony Lorenzo Green

Allegation : Inappropriate use of a government resource

Status : Investigation completed, Order Pending

Complainant: Lauren Wolfe

Date Received: June 12, 2020

Respondent: Brooke Pinto

Allegation : Failure to report excessive contributions

Status : Investigation completed, Order issued

September 25, 2020.

# **INTERPRETATIVE OPINIONS**

October 7, 2020

# **NONE**

(All Interpretative Opinions are on-line@ www.ocf.dc.gov)

# **SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDINGS**

October 7, 2020

**NONE**